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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: MEETING OF MARINE
ORGANISMS WORKING GROUP

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF PROTOCOL SIGNED OCTOBER 27 BY SCHNEIDER AND
FEDOROV FOLLOW:

A. COOPERATIVE US-USSR PROGRAM WILL BE BASED ON THEME "MARINE
MONITORING." ULTIMATE GOAL WILL BE TO ESTABLISH MARINE ENVIRON-
MENTAL MONITORING SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON
MARINE ORGANISMS MAY BE MEASURED AND THROUGH WHICH DATA MAY BE
RAPIDLY DISSEMINATED. PROGRAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY
LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN US AND USSR.

B. FIRST STEP IN ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE MONITORING SYSTEM
WILL BE CREATION OF MARINE JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED SIMULTAE-
NEOUSLY IN US AND USSR IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGES.
EDITORIAL BOARDS IN EACH COUNTRY WILL SELECT ARTICLES RE-
FLECTING HIGHEST LEVEL OF MARINE RESEARCH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES AND THEN EXCHANGE ARTICLES FOR TRANSLATION AND
PUBLICATION. THE JOURNAL, TO BE PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY, WILL
BE FIRST SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN US
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AND USSR.

C. SECOND STEP IN ESTABLISHING MONITORING SYSTEM WILL BE SCIENTIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM. INITIALLY, THE PROGRAM CALLS FOR UP TO 10 MARINE SCIENTIST PER YEAR EACH FROM US AND USSR TO MAKE SHORT TERM VISITS OF UP TO ONE MONTH TO THE OTHER COUNTRY TO DELIVER LECTURES AND TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE STATE OF ART OF MARINE RESEARCH IN THE HOST COUNTRY. PRIMARY AREA OF INTEREST IN EARLY STAGES WILL BE RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES.

2. FINAL PRODUCT OF MEETINGS BELIEVED BY ALL US PARTICIPANTS TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. HOWEVER, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT DURING RIGA AND LENINGRAD SEGMENTS OF TRIP THAT ANYTHING WORTHWHILE WOULD RESULT. WHILE HOSPITALITY WAS EXCEPTIONAL, US DELEGATION EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AT LOW LEVEL OF SCIENCE AT INSTITUTES VISITED THERE, AND COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY VISITS TO NOTED INSTITUTES ELSEWHERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. FEDOROV WAS MADE AWARE OF FEELING AND DISPATCHED SEVERAL OF HIS STAFF TO MOSCOW FROM RIGA TO REVISE MOSCOW PROGRAM. AFTER USDEL HAD SEEN REVISED SCHEDULE, IT RECOGNIZED THAT SITUATION HAD ONLY WORSENERED, HOWEVER. NOTHING HAD APPARENTLY CHANGED. SCIATT EXPLAINED SITUATION IN LOW KEY TO HYDROMET, AND RESULTANT EFFORTS BY ISRAEL TO SALVAGE THE VISIT HAD THE EFFECT OF TURNING EVERYTHING AROUND FROM SCIENTIFIC STANDPOINT. HARD DISCUSSIONS THEN FOLLOWED ON EVENING OF OCTOBER 23, PRODUCING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM THAT WAS PRESENTED TO ISRAEL IN JOINT MEETING OCTOBER 24 AND APPROVED BY HIM IN PRINCIPLE ON SAME DAY. FINAL FOUR DAYS, OCTOBER 24-27, PRODUCED VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH NOTED SOVIET MARINE SCIENTIST WHO WERE SPECIALLY BROUGHT IN FROM AROUND COUNTRY, AND US DELEGATION CONCLUDED MEETINGS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE PROGRAM.

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